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SUBJECT: LYKES BROS. CLAIM AGAINST GENERAL NATIONAL MARI-
TIME TRANSPORT COMPANY (GNMTC)

REF: TRIPOLI 928

1. LYKES REPORTED DEPT. (EB/TRA/MA) THAT AS OF JULY 14
PAYMENT NOT YET RECEIVED FROM GNMTC. LYKES AND TEXAS
STAR HAVE TAKEN THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL STEPS, I.E.,
BEYOND THE APRIL 5 LETTER TO MANSOURI, TO COLLECT THE
DEBT NOTED PARA 2, REFTEL: (A) TEXAS STAR CABLED (JULY)
THE LIBYA MAR LTD, P.O. BOX 4452, TRIPOLI REQUESTING
COLLECTION ASSISTANCE. LIBYA MAR IS A SOLICITATION AGENT
FOR LYKES. SINCE LYKES SO INFREQUENTLY VISITS LIBYA AND
AGENT IS NOT FREQUENTLY EMPLOYED, LITTLE HOPE IS HELD FOR
ANY RESPONSE (B) LYKES TOLD EB/MA THAT BY JULY 15 THEY
WOULD SEND THE TELEX AS RECOMMENDED PARA 2 REFTEL. TELEX
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WOULD NOT ONLY STATE THAT PAYMENT IS DEMANDED, BUT THAT
LYKES IS TAKING STEPS TO HAVE ANY GNMTC VESSEL ATTACHED
WHILE IN U.S. WATERS FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DEBTS (C) TEXAS
STAR IN JUNE CABLED MANSOURI THAT THEY WOULD ATTACH THE
NEXT VESSEL THEY COULD FIND WHICH BELONGS TO GNMTC.

2. FYI: M/V ESSIDORA, WHILE IN BEAUMONT JUNE 30,

WAS BOARDED BY TEXAS STAR OFFICIALS, WHO WERE GIVEN
QUOTE A LETTER OF GUARANTEE UNQUOTE. LYKES OFFICIAL
REGARDS SUCH AS WORTHLESS. FROM ALL CONVERSATIONS
REGARDING THIS MATTER, IT IS APPARENT THAT GULF COAST
COMMERCIAL INTERESTS HAVE BEEN STUNG ONCE TOO MUCH
BY GNMTC AND THAT ATTACHING THE FIRST LIBYAN VESSEL FOUND
IS THE NEXT STEP. END FYI.

3. REGARDING SUB-PARA A, PARA 3 REFTTEL, EMBASSY AUTHORI-
ZED TO CONVEY THRUST TO GNMTC. CERTAINLY LYKES' AND
TEXAS STAR'S INTENDED ACTIONS WOULD BACK THIS UP. RE-
GARDING SUB-PARA B, WOULD RATHER ADOPT A QUOTE WAIT AND
SEE UNQUOTE ATTITUDE. CHRISTOPHER

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